

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	:	
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Yukio YAMAJI et al.	:	Confirmation No.: 6232
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Application No. 10/528,228	:	TC/Art Unit: 1733
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Filed: March 18, 2005	:	Examiner: Steven Maki
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR	:	Atty Docket: P70312US0
FRACTIONATING GYPSUM SLURRY	:	
AND METHOD OF PRODUCING	:	
GYPSUM BOARD	:	

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT****Mail Stop RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2010 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No./Mail Date 20100103), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

A request for continued examination of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and a credit card payment in the amount of \$810.00 (to cover the fee for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)) accompany this Response. ***In the event that a request for continued examination does not accompany this Response, then continued examination is hereby requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.*** Also, in the event that extensions of time are necessary, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a). It is not believed that any further fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, any fees required for consideration of this paper and any papers associated with it (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.